

Please reconsider the above identified application for patent in view of amendments and remarks herein after.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Examiner's permission is respectfully requested to amend Fig. 14 by replacing the reference numeral "250" pointing to the block "DATABASE" with reference numeral 258 as indicated by the red ink in the marked up drawing sheet.

~~IN THE SPECIFICATION:~~

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 14, between line 3 and line 21, with:

A port facility can contain a plurality of charging facilities 169 (shown in Figs. 6 and 8) that are used to recharge the batteries of electrical vehicles. Typically battery/charging systems for electrical vehicles have a characteristic as shown in the SOC versus time graph 210 as shown in Fig. 11. Between points 212 and 214 on the graph, the charging of the battery is essentially linear. Between points 214 and 216, the charging of the battery approaches 100% charge exponentially and therefore the amount of charge obtained per unit time decreases. By allocating vehicles with a higher state of charge to users, instead of merely allocating vehicles with a sufficient charge for the users requested use, the vehicles within a central facility will tend to be used before the charge point 214 on the graph is